

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, LA  
SUBJECT: PHOUMI VONGVICHIT TO ACT FOR SOUVANNA DURING HIS ABSENCE

LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT CIRCULAR NOTE DATED AUGUST 13, WHICH  
INFORMED US THAT DURING "SICKNESS AND ABSENCE" OF PRIME MINISTER,  
PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER,  
WILL ASSURE THE CARRYING OUT OF DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES (ASSURES  
"L'ESPEDITION DES AFFAIRES COURANTES") OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE NOTE ADDED THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS  
EFFECTIVE JULY 12, (THE DATE OF SOUPANNA'S HEART ATTACK). DECREE,  
UPON WHICH NOTE IS BASED, EXPLICITLY STATES THAT PHOUMI  
MUST CONSULT REGULARLY WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEAUM SO THAT  
ALL MATTERS WILL BE RESOLVED ON BASIS OF UNANIMITY IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH VIENTIANE ACCORDS. THE DECREE EMPOWERS PHOUMI TO SIGN  
CORRESPONDENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DECREES ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE  
BEEN INITIALED BY LEAUM. NEITHER THE DECREE NOR NOTE REFERS  
TO PHOUMI AS PRIME MINISTER "AD INTERIM" OR AS "ACTING" PRIME  
MINISTER.

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